# Maricopa County Air Quality Department

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An Ombudsman serves as a bridge between citizens and the regulatory process.

- Works to provide a thorough and complete response in a timely manner.
- Shares citizen feedback to leadership team.
- Focuses on maintaining an open and transparent culture.
- Participates in process improvements to benefit customers / citizens.



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Compliance & Enforcement

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Conduct inspections of permitted & unpermitted activity

- Respond to citizen complaints & conduct complaint inspections
- Conduct vacant lot inspections
- Document & issue violations when observed

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# Maricopa County Air Quality Department

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#### Mission

The mission of the Air Quality Department is to provide clean air to Maricopa County residents and visitors so they can live, work, and play in a healthy environment.

#### Vision

To achieve the highest air quality standards in Maricopa County as we evolve with the county's escalating growth.



# Department Divisions

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#### Air Monitoring

 Utilizes monitors established throughout the county to measure pollution in the air.

#### Compliance & Enforcement

Includes Stationary Source, Dust Compliance, and Enforcement.
 May initiate measures to control sources found to be in violation of applicable regulations, standards or permit conditions. In 2014, this division completed more than 11,000 inspections.



# Department Divisions

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#### Permitting

 Responsible for writing and issuing Title V, NonTitle V, and General permits as well reviewing their applications. Review and approve Dust Control Permit applications. In 2014, the number of department issued permits exceeded 6,500.

#### Planning and Analysis

 Includes rule writing and emissions inventory. Responsible for drafting and finalizing rules.

#### Travel Reduction

 Manages the Maricopa County Travel Reduction Program, including sections for Auditing and Research & Analysis for employers and schools.

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#### General Overview

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- The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors has adopted rules to reduce and prevent pollution and to ensure that public health is protected.
- Compliance inspectors determine if regulated industries are complying with these rules by conducting inspections.



#### General Overview

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- Inspections are conducted
  - All permitted facilities
  - In response to complaints
- Violations issued when observed
  - Opportunity to Correct (minor violations)
  - Notice of Violation (non-minor violations)



#### General Overview

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- If violations are documented during an inspection, they must be corrected.
- The path from identification of a violation through its resolution is our "enforcement process" and is intended to ensure that a facility or permit holder complies with the air quality rules.



#### Health Based Standard

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- Under the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established air quality standards to protect public health and the environment. EPA has set National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for six primary air pollutants listing the following as "Criteria Pollutants":
  - Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub> & PM<sub>2.5</sub>)
  - Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>X</sub>)
  - Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)
  - Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)
  - Lead (Pb)
  - Carbon Monoxide (CO)

# Basic Permitting Process

- Source submits an application.
- Engineer reviews the application and prepares a draft permit.
- The permit is placed in public notice (if required).
- Permit is finalized with input from source and internal MCAQD.
- Permit issued upon payment of fees.



# Purpose of Rule 310

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- To limit particulate matter (PM¹⁰) emissions into the ambient air from any property, operation or activity that may serve as a fugitive dust source by requiring measures to prevent, reduce, and mitigate dust emissions.
  - Fugitive Dust: The particulate matter not collected by a capture system that is entrained in the ambient air, resulting from human and/or natural activities.



# Exemptions to Rule 310

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#### Normal Farm Cultural Practices

- The provisions of Rule 310 do not apply to farming activity according to Arizona Revised Statutes.
- All activities by the owner, lessee, agent, independent contractor, and/or supplier conducted on any facility for the production of crops, livestock and/or nursery plants are included in this exemption.

# Agriculture

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- Agricultural activities are exempt from Rule 310, but are still subject to regulation by the state.
  - ADEQ Contact: Emily Bonanni
    - Phone: 602-771-2324
    - Email: <u>Bonanni.Emily@azdeq.gov</u>
- · County may enforce off-site violations under 310.
  - Trackout
  - Uncovered Haul Truck





# Jurisdictional Authority

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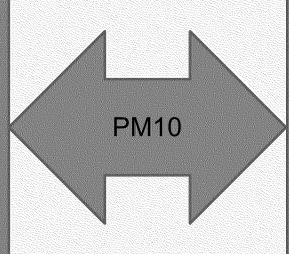
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Agricultural process and the associated release contains particulates

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#### MCAQD

Rule 310 PM 10

Rule 320 "Odor" Control and H2S

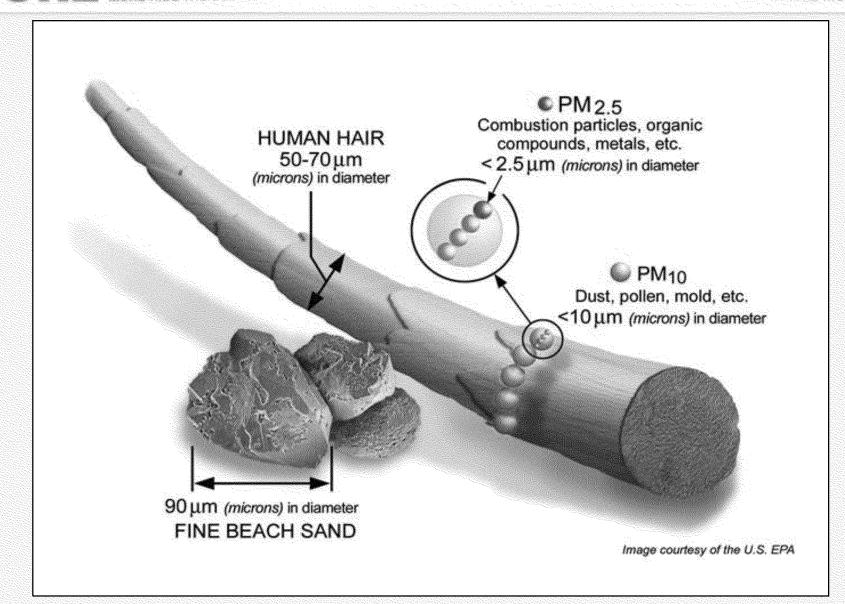


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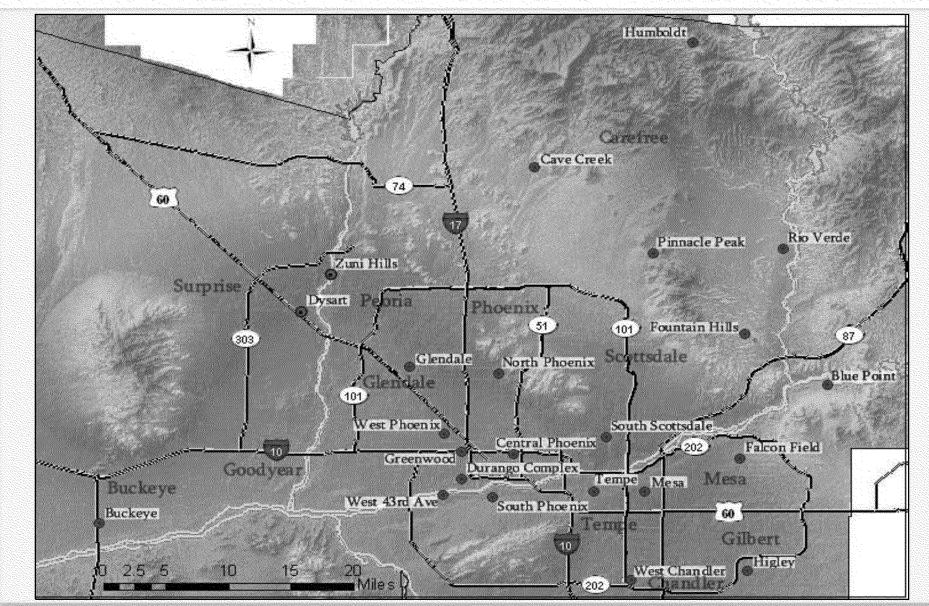
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# County Air Monitors

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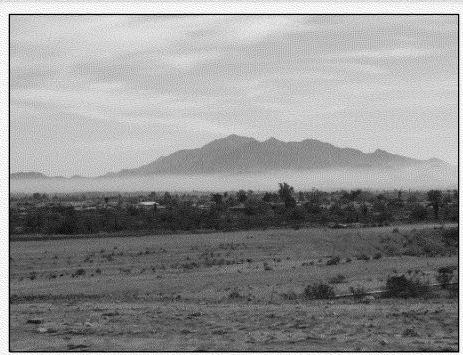




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# Getting Information

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- Several ways to be better informed about air quality conditions:
  - Check the Air Quality Monitoring Network online
  - Sign-up for the Air Quality APP
  - Sign-up for E-mail alerts



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#### If you'd like to report an air quality problem:

- Call 602-372-2703

OR

- File a Report Online at: www.maricopa.gov/aq

□ "Report a Violation"



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awareness on air pollution
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